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# H. R. 2270

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2009

Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. WALZ, and Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Benefits for Qualified  
5 World War II Veterans Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR QUALIFIED WORLD WAR II VET-**  
2 **ERANS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPENSATION FUND.—  
4 Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 38, United States Code,  
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 532. Qualified World War II Veterans Equity Com-**  
7 **ensation Fund**

8 “(a) COMPENSATION FUND.—(1) There is in the gen-  
9 eral fund of the Treasury a fund to be known as the  
10 ‘Qualified World War II Veterans Equity Compensation  
11 Fund’ (in this section referred to as the ‘compensation  
12 fund’).

13 “(2) Subject to the availability of appropriations for  
14 such purpose, amounts in the compensation fund shall be  
15 available to the Secretary without fiscal year limitation to  
16 make payments to eligible individuals in accordance with  
17 this section.

18 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—(1) An eligible indi-  
19 vidual is an individual who—

20 “(A) during the 1-year period beginning on the  
21 date of the enactment of the Benefits for Qualified  
22 World War II Veterans Act of 2009, submits to the  
23 Secretary an application containing such information  
24 and assurances as the Secretary may require;

1           “(B) has not received benefits under the Serv-  
2       icemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 (Public Law  
3       78–346); and

4           “(C) has engaged in qualified service.

5       “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), a person has en-  
6   gaged in qualified service if the service of the person has  
7   been determined to have been active duty service pursuant  
8   to section 1401 of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977  
9   (38 U.S.C. 106 note).

10       “(c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall  
11   make a monthly payment out of the compensation fund  
12   in the amount of \$1,000 to an eligible individual. The Sec-  
13   retary shall make such payments to eligible individuals in  
14   the order in which the Secretary receives the applications  
15   of the eligible individuals.

16       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)  
17   There are authorized to be appropriated to the compensa-  
18   tion fund such sums as may be necessary to carry out this  
19   section.

20       “(2) Funds appropriated to carry out this section  
21   shall remain available until expended.

22       “(e) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall include, in docu-  
23   ments submitted to Congress by the Secretary in support  
24   of the President’s budget for each fiscal year, detailed in-  
25   formation on the operation of the compensation fund, in-

1 cluding the number of applicants, the number of eligible  
2 individuals receiving benefits, the amounts paid out of the  
3 compensation fund, the administration of the compensa-  
4 tion fund, and an estimate of the amounts necessary to  
5 fully fund the compensation fund for that fiscal year and  
6 each of the three subsequent fiscal years.

7 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
8 regulations to carry out this section.”.

9 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
11 prescribe the regulations required under section 532(f) of  
12 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

13 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
14 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
15 after the item related to section 531 the following new  
16 item:

“532. Qualified World War II Veterans Equity Compensation Fund.”.

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